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SUBJECT: PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP, MAY 4

REF: A) USUN 1332
B) USUN 1361

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP MET MAY 4 TO DISCUSS DRAFT ARTICLES 6, 7, AND 8 OF WORKING DOCUMENT 3 (GUIDELINES), ANNEX TO A/31/337, NOVEMBER 23, 1976. ARTICLE 6 DISCUSSION WAS INCONCLUSIVE AND WHILE PRODUCING A NEW FORMULATION WITHOUT ANY STATUS, IT CONTENTS OWING TO SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE IS A REGRESSION FROM THAT PROPOSED ON MAY 2 (USUN 1332). ARTICLE 7 WAS AGREED TO WITH USUAL CAVEATS (TENTATIVE, PRELIMINARY, AND AD REFERENDUM); WHILE ARTICLE 8 DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH YET ANOTHER FORMULATION WHICH MAY HAVE POSSIBILITIES FOR US AND WESTERN DELEGATIONS BUT IN SUM IS NO ADVANCE FROM FROM EARLIER DRAFT OF ARTICLE 8. END SUMMARY.

2. IN MORE DETAIL, THE DISCUSSION OF ARTUCLE 6 OPENED WITH THE SOVIET DEL PROPOSING A NEW FORMULA WHICH WOULD READ "UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE SECRETARY GENERAL MAY CONTRIBUTE WITH ALL MEANS AT HIS DISPOSAL
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TO GIVING EFFECT TO RELEVANT DECISIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE CONDUCT OF THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL MAY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL REGARDING PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. A SUBSIDIARY BODY OF THE COUNCIL WOULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL." THE FRENCH OBJECTED TO A FURTHER REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 29 COMMITTEE, THE

US AND UK OBJECTED BOTH TO THE PROCEDURE OF INTRODUCING AN ALMOST NEW DORMULATION AND TO THE ENTIRE SUGGESTED SUBSTANCE. DEBATE CONTINUED AND IT WAS CLEAR SOVIET DEL WOULD DISPLAY ALMOST NO FLEXIBILITY. FRENCH DEL PRODUCED MOST OF A REVISION FORMULATION WHICH THE CHAIR REQUESTED BY TYPEWRITTEN BY WG SECRETARY FOR WG'S NEXT MEETING, MAY 5. FRENCH PROPOSAL READS: "UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE SECRETARY GENERAL BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS WHICH MAY BE CONFERRED ON HIM BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 97 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS IN CHARGE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHALL CONTRIBUTE WITH ALL MEANS AT HIS DISPOSAL TO GIVING EFFECT TO RELEVANT DECISIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL." IT WAS AGREED THAT DISCUSSION WOULD HAVE TO BE RESUMED ON THIS PROPOSAL SINCE MANY ASPECTS WERE UNRESOLVED.

3. DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 7 WAS RELATIVELY BRIEF. SOVIET DEL SUGGESTED ARTICLE TO READ: "THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE REPORTS, MAY REQUEST SPECIAL REPORTS FROM, AND ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO AND RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND ANY SUBSIDIARY BODY WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED." CERTAIN AMOUNT OF QUIBBLING OVER "MAY'S AND COMMAS FOLLOWED, BUT TEXT AGREED UPON REVERTED TO SOVIET PROPOSAL.

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4. ARTICLE 8 DISCUSSION BEGAN WITH SOVIET PROPOSAL TO DELETE LAST BRACKETED SENTENCE AND "BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL" FROM FIRST BRACKETED PHRASE. US, UK, BRAZIL, JAPAN AND FRANCE OBJECTED. AFTER FURTHER EXCHANGES ON "BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL," FRENCH DEL PROPOSED "THE COMMAND IN THE FIELD WILL BE EXERCISED BY A FORCE COMMANDER APPOINTED ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL." UK AND US DELS RESERVED POSITIONS. PAKISTANI DEL THEN PROPOSED A FINAL SENTENCE (SECOND SENTENCE OF ARTICLE 8 POSED NO PROBLEM) TO READ "THE COMMANDER SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE SUBSIDIARY BODY WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL MAY ESTABLISH TO ASSIST THE SECURITY COUNCIL. CANADA REQUESTED, AND US SUPPORTED, THE ADDITION OF "IN WHICH RESPECT HIS CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WILL BE THROUGH THE SECRETARY GENERAL." AFTER FURTHER RESISTANCE BY THE USSR, CANADA FEL (WHO

INCIDENTALLY IS A FORMER UNDOF FIELD COMMANDER)
PROPOSED "THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS" TO BE
INSERTED AFTER "COOPERATION" IN THE PAKISTAN FORMULA
AND THUS DROP HIS EARLIER PROPOSAL. USSR DEL SAID
HE WOULD ACCEPT BRACKETS ON FRENC PROPOSAL IN
FIRST SENTENCE "ON THE PROPOSAL OF" IF "THROUGH THE
APPROPRIATE CHANNELS" WERE ALSO BRACKETED. CANADIAN
DEL SAID SPEAKING AS DIPLOMAT AND MILITARY OFFICER,
"THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS". WOULD CLEARLY MEAN
THE SYG. THUS, ANOTHER NON-STATUS WORKING PAPER
WAS AGREED TO, WHICH WOULD REPRESENT NOTHING MORE
THAN A NEW FORMULA FOR ARTICLE 8, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE
THE EARLIER FORMULA AND IN FACT THE EARLIER OPTIONS
CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE.

5. NEXT MEETING ON MAY 5 AT 11:00 AM WILL PROBABLY
MOVE ON TO ARTICLES 9, 10, AND POSSIBLY 11. BRAZIL
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HAS PROPOSED INFORMALLY THAT ARTICLE 12 BE DELETED
ENTIRELY. THIS WILL PROBABLY MEET WITH USSR
AGGREEMENT, AND SEEMS ACCEPTABLE TO US AS WELL.
ARTICLE 13 POSES PROBLEM ONLY TO EGYPTIANS. USUN
WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY GUIDANCE FROM IO/UNP.
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